

CLAIMS:

1. A system for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said system
5 comprising:
 - an information gatherer for obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and
 - a purchase requester for providing the target merchant with a purchase
10 request made on behalf of the purchaser.
2. The system according to claim 1 wherein the information gatherer includes:
 - a merchant information gatherer for obtaining product information from the target merchant about a product to be purchased by the purchaser;
 - 15 a purchaser information gatherer for obtaining information about the purchaser making the purchase of the product.
3. The system according to claim 2 wherein the merchant information gatherer includes:
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 - a product location gatherer for obtaining a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased through the electronic commerce system.
4. The system according to claim 1 wherein the purchase requester includes:
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 - an information checker for checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and
 - a transaction creator for interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.
- 30 5. A method for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, said method comprising:
 - obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated
35 merchants; and

providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

6. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of obtaining information
5 from the target merchant includes:

gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and

obtaining information about the purchaser.

10 7. The method according to claim 6 wherein the step of gathering product information includes;

gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased on the electronic commerce system.

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8. The method according to claim 5 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and

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interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.

9. A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for purchasing products from a plurality of unrelated merchants offering products for purchase through electronic commerce systems, the computer-
25 executable instructions performing the steps comprising:

obtaining information from a target merchant relating to available products for purchase, said target merchant being at least one of the plurality of unrelated merchants; and

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providing the target merchant with a purchase request made on behalf of the purchaser.

10. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of obtaining information from the target merchant includes:

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gathering product information from the target merchant for a product to be purchased by the purchaser; and

obtaining information about the purchaser.

11. The computer-readable medium according to claim 10 wherein the step of gathering product information includes;

5 gathering a location on an electronic commerce system of the target merchant of product information for the product to be purchased on the electronic commerce system.

12. The computer-readable medium according to claim 9 wherein the step of providing the target merchant with a purchase request includes:

10 checking product and purchaser information to determine if sufficient information has been provided for a purchase transaction; and
interfacing with the target merchant to purchase the product.